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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Vigil DATE TYPED 02-25-05 HB 943

SHORT TITLE NM Highlands Technology Training Institute SB _____

ANALYST Woods

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$775.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to the appropriation for New Mexico Highlands University in the General Appropriations Act. Duplicates SB742

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

No Responses Received From

New Mexico Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 943 – Making an Appropriation to the Board of Regents of New Mexico Highlands University for a Technology Training Institute and Computational Engineering Program – appropriates \$775,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico Highlands University for expenditure in FY06 to establish a technology training institute and computational engineering program at New Mexico Highlands University. The program shall be established in conjunction with the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

Significant Issues

In its FY06 *Research and Public Service Project Appropriations Request* to the Commission on

Higher Education (CHE) New Mexico Highlands University indicates that the New Mexico Technology Training Institute will provide critical services to universities, colleges and governmental agencies across the state, with special emphasis on northern New Mexico. This project will utilize a “train the trainer” model and collaborative resource sharing to maximize the development and usage of information technology in New Mexico. Goals of the initiative are to provide regional and statewide training and assistance in:

- *SCT Banner* – the comprehensive university management software that is utilized by all six state universities and several community colleges;
- *WebCT* – the state-of-the-art interactive online instruction tool that is utilized by all six state universities and several community colleges;
- *Security* – a partnering effort with New Mexico Tech; and
- *Network Operating Systems* – the development of a regional database and technical support center.

While this initiative was approved by the New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents in the amount of \$525,000, the program was not recommended for funding by the CHE in FY06.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$775,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

New Mexico Highlands University will retain oversight of this appropriation.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relates to the appropriation for New Mexico Highlands University in the General Appropriations Act.

Duplicates SB742 in that SB742 also seeks to appropriate \$775,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico Highlands University for expenditure in FY06 to establish a technology training institute and computational engineering program at New Mexico Highlands University.

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